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REMARKS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for consideration of the subject patent application. In the office action mailed May 20, 2005, Claims 1-22 were pending, and made subject to an election of species requirement under 35 U.S.C. § 121. Particularly, the Examiner indicated the existence of three patentably distinct species as follows:

Species I: a layer of amorphous braze alloy (Claim 14).

Species II: a solidified coating of molten braze alloy (Claim 15).

Species III: a powder (Claim 16).

Further, the Examiner indicated that Claim 11 was generic with respect to these three species.

By the present election, Applicant has elected Species II, drawn to a superabrasive tool segment wherein a brazing alloy is provided as a solidified coating of molten braze alloy on each superabrasive particle. Claim 11 is generic and reads on such embodiment. Accordingly, Claims 1-13, 15, and 17-22 remain pending for consideration in the present application, and Claims 14 and 16 are withdrawn.

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CONCLUSION

If any impediment remains to examination after consideration of the above-recited remarks, which could be removed during a telephone interview, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney, or in his absence, Mr. Wayne Western of this office at (801) 566-6633 so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 20-0100.

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